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In re Application of :
UCHIDA et al :
Application No.: 10/582,779 :
PCT No.: PCT/JP2004/018705 :
Int. Filing Date: 15 December 2004 : DECISION
Priority Date: 19 December 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: 2006_0891A :
For: COMPONENT MOUNTING HEAD,
SUCTION NOZZLE, AND SUCTION NOZZLE
MANUFACTURING METHOD :

The decision is in response to applicants' submission filed in the USPTO on 19 January 2007 and to applicants' submission filed in the USPTO on 12 April 2007. The submissions have properly been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

BACKGROUND

On 15 December 2004, applicants filed international application PCT/JP2004/018705 which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 19 December 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 07 July 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 19 June 2006.

On 13 June 2006, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee.

On 19 January 2007, applicants filed an executed declaration of inventors and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h).

On 16 March 2007, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating, *inter alia*, that the second listed inventor's last name on the declaration differed from the second listed inventor's last name on the published international application.

On 12 April 2007, applicants filed a submission stating that the name of the second listed inventor has changed from Arai (maiden name) to Sakurai since the filing of the international application. This submission, together with the declaration of inventors filed 19 January 2007, has properly been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

DISCUSSION

In instances where an inventor has changed his or her name after the application has been filed, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 must be submitted. The petition must include (1) the appropriate petition fee and (2) an affidavit signed with both names setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

Item (1) has not been met. The petition fee has not been paid.

Item (2) has not been met. No affidavit has been submitted.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, a proper reply must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182." Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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